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MEDIA ADVISORY

SAPD Launches Project SightFirst

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When: Thursday, February 7, 2002
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Where: SAPD Headquarters
214 W. Nueva
PIO Conference Room

Deputy Chief Tyrone Powers along with Converse Lions Club, and with LensCrafters will announce the kickoff of Project SightFirst, a worldwide program to provide eyeglasses to third world countries. Last year was a great success in collecting 700 pairs of glasses at the substations. The Converse Lions collected more than 6,000 pairs of glasses for the year. These glasses helped people around the world and here in the United States.

Deputy Chief Tyrone Powers is pleased to support Project SightFirst, a project of the Lions Club, and will begin the effort by placing several personal, unused glasses into a drop off box similar to the ones that will be placed at all area police substations.

Since 1925, the Lions have served the world's blind and visually impaired population through this effort that began when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become her "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness".

The Lions collect more than 3 million pairs of used eyeglasses each year for distribution in developing countries.

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